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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As you have doubtless learned from the press and even from statements made by members of the Security Council, the organizers of the act of provocation carried out against my country on 24 February 1996, which resulted in the shooting down of two pirate aircraft inside Cuban airspace, are organizing another, identical act of provocation against Cuba next Saturday, 2 March.

Cuba wonders whether the Government of the United States, the country where these pirate aircraft and other vessels are registered and in whose territory these acts of provocation and terrorism originate, will take the necessary and adequate steps, consistent with its international obligations, to prevent a further violation of Cuba's sovereignty.

We hope that the Security Council will remain abreast of this situation and will not tolerate the breaches of international law and of the national security of the Republic of Cuba that the perpetration of such a further act of provocation would necessarily entail.

Furthermore, I reiterate Cuba's determination not to tolerate violations of its national sovereignty and to protect its borders and defend its independence at all costs.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter distributed as a document of the Security Council.

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